

RESOLUTION NO. 2014322

RE: REQUEST FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES PUBLICALLY
OPPOSE AND REPEAL FERC CAPACITY ZONE PLAN

Legislators MICCIO, SURMAN, WEISS, INCORONATO, JOHNSON, and
MacAVERY offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County has spoken with near unanimity against the
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) decision to impose a double digit energy rate
increase on those who live and work here as part of its ill-conceived capacity zone plan; and

WHEREAS, FERC's decision was not approved by any elected official or by
voters yet the rate increase has and will continue to have, a tremendous financial impact on local
residents, businesses and municipalities with limited, if any, guaranteed benefits; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the new capacity zone means a projected yearly price
increase for electric consumers in the region so that Dutchess County customers are expected to
pay an additional \$13.5 million with no corresponding benefit; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Government, including Dutchess Community
College, anticipates this FERC policy decision will cost in excess of \$136,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of a community attempting to rebound from an eight-year
recession, we must join together and demand that the commissioners at FERC repeal this new
capacity zone and provide much needed relief from skyrocketing energy costs; now, therefore be
it

RESOLVED, that Dutchess County hereby requests its state and federal
representatives take the necessary steps to publically oppose and seek repeal of the costly and
undemocratic decision imposed by FERC under the guise of a capacity zone plan; and, be it
further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature forward a
certified copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, federal Senators Charles Schumer
and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressmen Chris Gibson and Sean Patrick Maloney, Governor
Andrew Cuomo, state Senators Terry Gipson and Greg Ball, state Assembly Members Frank
Skartados, Didi Barrett, Kevin Cahill, Kieran Lalor and Steve Katz to publically call for the
repeal of the new capacity zone and end the increased energy costs associated with their
decision.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

SS:

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution
with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 4th day of December 2014,
and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 4th day of December 2014.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ _____

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds (check one): ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other (explain).

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) decision to impose a new capacity zone for Dutchess County will result in estimated double digit energy rate increases. This increasing cost of energy has a direct estimated fiscal impact to the county of over \$100,000 annually. The full cost of these rate increases as a result of the FERC decision to Dutchess County residents as a whole is much greater.

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